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REMARKS

Applicant's invention is set forth in pending claims 1-2.

In the Official Action mailed July 8, 2004, the Examiner objects to an informality in claim 1, at original line 18, and further requires a new title which is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Additionally, the Action rejects the claims under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,212,329 B1 and its 34 other continuations. Addressing the rejections, *seriatem*, applicant submits as follows.

Upon reviewing the Examiner's requirement, the claims and the disclosure, applicant provides herein a new title which is believed more closely to correspond to the subject matter recited in the claims. Moreover, the informality noted at originally numbered line 18 of claim 1 is corrected in presently numbered line 19 as suggested by the Examiner.

Upon entry of the amendment, the noted basis for objection to the claim will have been overcome.

Upon review of the claim language, applicant further amends the claims as follows. More particularly, applicant requests identifying the inventive apparatus as providing decoding protection <u>with a video data encoding method using a DCT (Discrete Cosine Transform) method of an MPEG algorithm</u>, as now added to the recitation of lines 2-3 of claim 1. Additionally, housekeeping changes are made at lines 10 and 11, relating to positioning of commas in the recitation.

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It is noted that support for the added recitation at lines 2-3 is found throughout the specification. Examples of such support are illustrated by the second full paragraph of page 7, which assumes that "that the original video and audio signals have been encoded by high-efficiency compression encoding using the MPEG1 algorithm" and by lines 8-14 of page 17, which disclose that "With the MPEG1 algorithm, a block size of 8 x 8 picture elements is used in the DCT processing". Moreover, support is illustrated by the disclosure at page 18, lines 15-16 which notes that "With a video data encoding method such as the DCT method, the output digital signal that is produced from the inverse DCT circuit" and by the description at page 15, lines 10-13 which clarifies that "DCT" is a "discrete cosine transform".

It is courteously submitted that, inasmuch as the amendment provided herein does not add new matter and is supported by the specification, even cursory review of the amendatory language will suffice to demonstrate the propriety of the amendment as well as patentability of the amended claims.

As to the rejection under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,212,329 B1 and its 34 continuations, a Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith and identifies the '329 patent and its 34 other copending applications , thereby to overcome the rejection.

Having thus eliminated or overcome all bases for rejection of or objection to the application or any of its components, and in view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and n early indication of the same is courteously solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the

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undersigned by telephone if any further comments, questions or suggestions arise in

connection with the application.

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